Approach paper for National Policy on Culture

4100. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared an approach paper for National Policy on Culture;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether final document of the policy has been prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Department of Culture in August, 1993 had published a Paper titled "Approach Paper on the National Policy on Culture and Observation, Comments, Recommendations Thereon."

(c) to (e) Though attempts to formulate a comprehensive National Culture Policy were made in the past, no finality could be arrived at.

Tourist spots in U.P., Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and M.P.

†4101. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of tourist spots in U.P., Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and M.P.;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy for the development of tourists spots in above States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India had identified travel circuits in consultation with the State Governments of U.P., Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and M.P. which are as follows :

1. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho

2. Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Konark

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